## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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## LOW-COST RABIES SHOTS, MICROCHIPPING, AND LICENSING OFFERED THIS SUNDAY

The City of Carlsbad in conjunction with the County Department of Animal Services will offer low-cost rabies vaccinations, dog licensing and microchipping this Sunday, April 23, from noon to 2 p.m. at Carlsbad City Hall, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive in Carlsbad.

A microchip is a small transponder, the size of a grain of rice, which is injected under the skin and remains there for the life of the pet. The microchip serves as your pet's ticket home should it become lost as it contains information to help reunite lost pets with their owners. With proof of a dog license, dogs will be microchipped for a one-time fee of \$20, including the registration. There is no license requirement for cats, and the department welcomes rabbits for microchipping as well.

Moreover, owners who have never licensed their dog, or have allowed their dog's license to lapse, will have any late fees waived during the event.

Rabies vaccinations for dogs (four months or older) and cats (three months or older) will be available for only \$5. Dog licenses, which are required by law, may be purchased for one, two, or three years. In addition, \$40 spay-neuter coupons will be available to Carlsbad residents while the supply lasts, along with giveaways for pets and humans alike.

For the protection of owners and their pets, dogs must be on a leash and cats in a carrier for the clinic.

For more information, contact Carlsbad Police Department at 760-931-2170 or the Department of Animal Services at (619) 236-4250 or visit their web site at www.sddac.com.

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